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1. Progresul: Employs about two thousand workers, some of which are transient labor.
The factory specializes in the manufacture of locomotives, river vessels, and seagoing vessels. It can make launches, tugboats, and small vessels 15 meters overall, driven by Diesel motors. It has a capacity of ten locomotives or ten seagoing vessels a month. Production may rise to twelve units a month.
2. Danube Metallurgical Industry: Better known as Intreprinderile Metalurgice Dunarene (IMD). It is the best organized factory in the city, with 1,400 workers. It includes the following sections:
 - a. "Laminair" section, with a capacity of twenty railroad cars, made of laminated products, every twenty-four hours. Production plans anticipate a monthly production of 2,500 tons. With two daily shifts of workers, the plan may be exceeded by fifteen percent of the planned production.
 - b. "Vis" section, with a capacity of 120 tons a month. A rise to 200 tons a month is anticipated. The exact nature of its production is not clear, except that it is known to make rivets, up to 40 mm in diameter.
the sizes run from a quarter inch to two and a half inches.
 - c. Wire-drawing section, with a capacity of 60 tons in a 12-hour day.
 - d. Nail section, with a capacity of three carloads in a 12-hour day. It has 106 machines and produces everything from needles to large nails.
 - e. Chain section, with a capacity of 60 tons a month. It makes all kinds of commercial chain; works a 12-hour day.

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- f. Accessories section, a small foundry maintained for the needs of the factory itself. Factories similar to this exist elsewhere in Rumania, notably I.C. Frimu, at Sinaia and Busteni; Cernavoda, making thread, at Campia Turzii; Partisanul, at Timisoara, producing only anchor chains and perhaps anchors.
3. Industria Sarnei: This factory works day and night, in three shifts of seven hours each, with an additional hour for testing the machines. Sunday is reserved for repairs. It employs 1,200 workers and specializes in the production of forks, iron wire, and similar articles. It produces 1,200 forks a day. Total production is reported as 30 carloads a day.
 4. Former Violatos mill in the port of Braila: This is a large, five-story building, which works night and day. Its daily production is reported to be 200 carloads of an unknown product, which may be an exaggeration.
 5. New factory at Piscu, northeast of Braila: This factory processes pork products, from the area of Piscu, where there is a big modern piggery with 25,000 swine.
 6. Sovromtransport and the First of May Naval Dockyards, in the port of Braila, employ 12,000 men in various shops and factories stretching along the Danube. They are concerned mainly with the repair of river boats and the construction of small, seagoing units.
 7. Factories at both Braila and Galati turn out wood for building.
 8. The Tarnaveni works turns out glassware.
 9. Wood for construction passes through the ports of Braila and Galati. Barges going up the Danube to Budapest almost always carry cargoes of starch.
 10. In all these factories, the workers get their meals at the canteen of the Syndical Union. The meals are meager and workers get hungry again within two hours. In addition to supplementary working hours, their time is taken up with the usual compulsory meetings, manifestations and courses of instruction in Marx-Leninism.

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